

REMARKS

This Response is submitted and reply to the Office Action dated November 12, 2002. Claims 1, 13, 19, 21 and 25 have been amended. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments made herein. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action is submitted herein. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is submitted herein to cover the cost of the one month extension of time. Please charge Deposit Account 02-1818 for any insufficiency or to credit any overpayment.

The Office Action objected to the specification as to informalities. Specifically, the Office Action objected to the section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" in the specification because the serial numbers for some of the related applications were not included in this section. Applicants previously submitted a Preliminary Amendment on March 7, 2002, which provided all of the serial numbers for the related applications except for one application. In this Response, Applicants have further amended the paragraph in this section to include the serial number for this application.

Claims 1 to 25 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by United Kingdom Application No. GB-2,144,644 A to Barrie ("*Barrie*").

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a gaming device including a processor and a plurality of selections where a plurality of awards are associated with the selections. The gaming device also includes at least one supplementing award associated with at least one of the selections, wherein the supplementing award is adapted to be provided to a player by the processor when the player picks the selection associated with the

supplementing award. The supplementing award includes an award which is automatically provided to the player and at least one additional award generation which automatically provides an additional award to the player.

Claim 1, as amended, is patentably distinguished over *Barrie* because *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest all of the elements of Claim 1. *Barrie* discloses a video gaming machine that provides a player with a number of selections or choices in a single bonus game. The player picks one of the selections or choices to reveal a reward class, a lose class or a win class. If the player picks a selection including a lose class, the game ends. If the player picks a selection including a reward class, the gaming machine provides a reward to the player and the game ends (see specification page 2, lines 67 to 68). If the player picks a selection including a win class, the gaming device enables the player to continue playing the game and pick a selection from a new set of selections. Each time the player picks a selection including a win class, the gaming device enables the player to terminate the game and receive a designated reward or continue to play the game (and thereby not receive an reward at that time) (Specification page 2, lines 59 to 65). As a result, with each set of selections, the player may obtain a single reward or no reward at all. *Barrie* therefore does not disclose, teach or suggest providing a guaranteed or automatic award generation for the selection associated with the supplementing award in a game as in the claimed invention. *Barrie* also does not disclose, teach or suggest the combination of providing a supplementing award associated with at least one of the selections in the game wherein the supplementing award automatically provides an award and an additional

award generation of an award to a player for a picked selection associated with the supplementing award in the game.

For at least these reasons, *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, amended Claim 1 and Claims 2 to 12, which depend from Claim 1, are each patentably distinguished over *Barrie*.

Amended Claim 13 is directed to the gaming device which includes a processor, a plurality of selections and a plurality of awards associated with the selections. Additionally, the gaming device includes at least one supplementing award associated with the selections and adapted to be provided to a player by the processor. The supplementing award includes an award which is automatically provided to the player and a random award generation which automatically provides an additional award to the player. Conversely, as described above, *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest a gaming device including a supplementing award which automatically provides an award and a random award generation which provides an additional award to a player when the player picks a selection associated with the supplementing award. *Barrie* only discloses providing a reward or award to a player if the player picks a selection including a reward class or if the player picks a selection including a win class. If the player picks a selection including a win class, the gaming device gives the player the option to choose a designated reward and end the game or to continue playing the game and attempt to obtain a larger reward. The game disclosed in *Barrie* therefore does not guarantee or automatically provide the player with a reward for each picked selection in the game as in the claimed invention. Also, *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest providing an additional reward or award to the player (such as the award

associated with the supplementing award in the claimed invention) associated with any of the selections. The player in *Barrie* is able to obtain one reward in the game based on the player's selections in the game. For at least these reasons, *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, amended Claim 13 and Claims 14 to 18, which depend from independent Claim 13, are each patentably distinguished over *Barrie*.

Amended Claim 19 is directed to a gaming device including a processor and a plurality of awards. Additionally, the gaming device includes a plurality of supplementing awards adapted to be provided to a player by the processor. Each of the supplementing awards include one of the awards which is automatically provided to the player and an award generation that chooses one of the plurality of awards which is an additional award automatically provided to the player for said supplementing award. As described above, *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest a plurality of supplementing awards which automatically provide an award from a plurality of awards to the player and an award generation that automatically provides an additional one of the awards to the player. For at least these reasons, amended Claim 19 and Claim 20, which depends from Claim 19, are each patentably distinguished over *Barrie*.

Amended Claim 21 is directed to a gaming device that includes a display device and a processor adapted to communicate with the display device. The display device and processor are adapted to enable a player to pick at least one selection from a plurality of selections, generate a supplementing award associated with one of the selections, automatically provide an award to the player associated with the supplementing award and provide an award generation associated with the

supplementing award if the player picks the selection associated with the supplementing award wherein the award generation automatically provides an additional award to the player. For the same reasons stated above, *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest a gaming device that generates a supplementing award associated with one of the selections, wherein the supplementing award includes an award which is automatically provided to a player and an award generation which automatically provides an additional award to the player. For at least these reasons, amended Claim 21 and Claims 22 to 24, which depend from Claim 21, are each patentably distinguished over *Barrie*.

Amended Claim 25 is directed to a gaming device including a display device and a processor adapted to communicate with the display device. The display device and processor are adapted to enable a player to pick at least one selection from a plurality of selections, generate a supplementing award associated with one of the selections, automatically provide an award to the player associated with the supplementing award if the player picks the associated selection with the supplementing award and provide an award generation associated with the supplementing award if the player picks the associated selection with the supplementing award wherein the award generation automatically yields an additional award provided to the player and another supplementing award which automatically provides an additional award to the player. As described above, *Barrie* does not disclose, teach or suggest a gaming device including a plurality of selections including a supplementing award wherein the supplementing award automatically provides an award to the player and also an award generation which provides another supplementing award to the player which

automatically provide a further award to the player. For at least these reasons, amended Claim 25 is patentably distinguished over *Barrie*.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by the present response. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorney, Adam Masia, at (312) 807-4284 to discuss this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification:**

The paragraph beginning on line 7, of page 1 has been amended as follows:

This application relates to the following co-pending commonly owned patent applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A BONUS SCHEME WITH MULTIPLE SELECTION GROUPS," Serial No. 09/656,702, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-008; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A BONUS ROUND WITH MULTIPLE RANDOM AWARD GENERATION AND MULTIPLE RETURN/RISK SCENARIOS," Serial No. 09/678,989, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-020; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING BONUS SCHEME WITH INCREMENTAL VALUE DISCLOSURE," Serial No. 09/627,198, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-022; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING AN AWARD EXCHANGE BONUS ROUND AND METHOD FOR REVEALING AWARD EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES," Serial No. 09/689,510, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-140; "GAMING DEVICE WITH A BONUS SCHEME INVOLVING MOVEMENT ALONG PATHS WITH PATH CHANGE CONDITIONS," Serial No. 09/686,538, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-149; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A RE-TRIGGERING SYMBOLS BONUS SCHEME," Serial No. 09/981,133, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-466; "GAMING DEVICE WITH A BONUS SCHEME HAVING REPEATED SELECTION OF VALUE SETS WITH OPTION TO SAVE VALUES," Serial No. 09/684,533, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-469; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A BONUS SCHEME INCLUDING A PLURALITY OF SELECTION GROUPS WITH WIN-GROUP OUTCOMES," Serial No. 09/981,084, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-473; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING DUAL EVALUATION SCHEME," Serial No. 09/687,689, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-474; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING TEASE REVEAL FEATURE," Serial No. 09/957,583, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-580; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING AN ACCUMULATED AWARD SELECTION BONUS SCHEME," Serial No. 09/963,721, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-732; and "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A RE-TRIGGERING SYMBOL BONUS SCHEME WITH A BONUS SYMBOL ACCUMULATOR," Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ 10/071,441, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-964.

**In the Claims:**

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
  - a processor;
  - a plurality of selections;
  - a plurality of awards associated with said selections; and
  - at least one supplementing award associated with at least one of said selections,  
said supplementing award adapted to be provided to a player by the processor when  
the player picks the selection associated with the supplementing award, ~~said~~  
~~supplementing awards associated with at least one of said selections,~~ each  
supplementing award including an award which is automatically provided to the player  
and at least one additional award generation which automatically provides an additional  
award to the player for said supplementing award.

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
  - a processor;
  - a plurality of selections;
  - a plurality of awards associated with said selections; and
  - at least one supplementing award associated with said selections and adapted to  
be provided to a player by the processor, said supplementing award including an award  
which is automatically provided to the player and a random award generation which  
automatically provides an additional award to the player for said supplementing award.



Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

19. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:

a processor;

a plurality of awards; and

a plurality of supplementing awards adapted to be provided to a player by the processor, each of said supplementing awards including one of the awards which is automatically provided to the player and an award generation that chooses one of the plurality of awards which is an additional award automatically provided to the player for said supplementing award.

Claim 21 has been amended as follows:

21. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:

a display device; and

a processor adapted to communicate with said display device; said display device and said processor adapted to:

- (a) enable a player to pick at least one selection from a plurality of selections;
- (b) generate a supplementing award associated with one of said selections;
- (c) automatically provide an award to the player associated with said supplementing award if the player picks the selection associated with the supplementing award; and
- (d) provide an award generation associated with said supplementing award if the player picks the selection associated with the supplementing award, which automatically provides an additional award to the player for said supplementing award.

Claim 25 has been amended as follows:

25. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:

a display device; and

a processor adapted to communicate with said display device; said display device and said processor adapted to:

- (a) enable a player to pick at least one selection from a plurality of selections;
- (b) generate a supplementing award associated with one of said selections;
- (c) automatically provide an award to the player associated with said supplementing award If the player picks the selection associated with the supplementing award; and
- (d) provide an award generation associated with said supplementing award If the player picks the selection associated with the supplementing award, wherein said award generation automatically yields an additional award provided to the player and another supplementing award which automatically provides a further award to the player for said supplementing award.